



Environmental & Sustainability Policy 2019

Vision

The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland recognises the impact it makes on the environment in particular at local levels; however also taking into account the impact internationally. The RCSI acknowledges that acting in a responsible manner around sustainability and environmental impacts are fundamental to the health and wellbeing of the College students, staff and visitors, and the wider communities with whom we engage. In contributing to this, the Colleges Environmental and Sustainability vision is to:

- Engage in meaning dialogue, research and data analysis towards the Colleges unique approach to the environmental challenges we face now and into the future
- Continue to support our Students, Faculty and Staff in managing the College environmental impacts and the sustainable challenges/opportunities into the future
- Aspire to improve the Colleges environmental and sustainability performance, including the wider Estate

Aims & Objectives

RCSI Estates & Support Services are committed in delivering the College Strategy by developing a campus , which is a leader within the Higher Education Authority (HEA) sector, in relation to a best practice approach to environment, performance and sustainability through its aims & objectives.

- **Energy and carbon management** - by encouraging energy efficient practices and investing in its estate to reduce carbon emissions
- **Emissions** - by putting in place appropriate controls to prevent pollution and work to reduce where practicable, emissions and discharges to atmosphere, land and water
- **Waste and material resources** - by encouraging, preventing and reducing waste and reuse of resources prior to recycling or disposal
- **Water** - by reducing water consumption through water efficient practices and technologies
- **Sustainable travel** - by reducing emissions from work-related travel and College owned vehicles and availing of public transport and cycle to work scheme where practicable
- **Sustainable buildings** - by making full use of available space and designing and refurbishing buildings in line with the Colleges Sustainable Building Philosophy
- **Biodiversity**- by enhancing wherever practicable wildlife habitat on College owned land and supporting wider initiatives where appropriate
- **Sustainable purchasing** - by encouraging and embedding sustainable and ethical considerations into purchasing decisions
- **Community** - by working with local schools and businesses and supporting a volunteering programme

The policy and strategy will be managed through the development, delivery and continuous improvement of the Estate and Support Services Department Computer Aided Facility Management (CAFM) Systems. Departments will be responsible for ensuring adequate arrangements for environmental controls within their functional areas.

This policy will be reviewed annually as part of the Estate and Support Services Department control systems and CAFM.

Signed:

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